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c.1845-1907

425-301 E. Hamburg St. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

As with the 400 block of E. Cross St., this block of E. Hamburg St. is improved by a variety of house types, ranging in date over a broad span of years. 423-425 E. Hamburg St. is an unusual structure composed of a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and first and second story wooden front porches, set back from the street, joined to a small two story, two bay wide gable-roofed house of somewhat later date. Immediately to the west, at 419-421 E. Hamburg St. there is a pair of similar two story, gable-roofed houses, undoubtedly built contemporaneously with the first mentioned such house at 423 E. Hamburg St., probably in the early 1850's. Moving west, at 403-417 E. Hamburg St. there is a row of late Victorian style, two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1890's by Henry Wessel, owner of Wessel's Department store at Charles and Hamburg Streets. To the west of this late row, at 337 E. Hamburg St., is another unusual house set back somewhat from the street, with its end wall facing the street and its two story, gable-roofed facade with first and second floor wooden porches facing east onto a wide alleyway. 335 E. Hamburg St. is a two story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof built in the 1850's, quite similar to 419-423 E. Hamburg St. 329-333 E. Hamburg St. is a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built in the late 1840's. At the western end of the block, at 307-321 E. Hamburg St., there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal bracketed cornices, built in 1907 by Walter Hampson, and at 301-305 E. Hamburg St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1890 by James F. Morgan.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

419-421 E. Hamburg St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD (421) ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED (421)
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story high, two bay deep brick houses with gable roofs were built as a unit, along with 423 Hamburg St. in the 1860's, or perhaps earlier. 419 Hamburg has been covered with formstone; 421 Hamburg is currently in the process of being restored.

The houses are two stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 87 1/2' deep. Each house was originally only two rooms deep. 419 Hamburg now has a two story high, one bay deep and wide stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, three bay deep rear addition. 421 Hamburg now has a two story high, four bay deep rear addition with a modern further two bay addition being constructed. The houses are constructed in running bond, but 419 Hamburg has been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous, two-tier brick cornice. The houses share a double rectangular chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses.

The original treatment of the window lintels is not known. The formstone covering at 419 Hamburg hides the lintels and sills and at 421 Hamburg the door and windows have no lintels. At 421 Hamburg the windows have later, brick headed sills. The window openings of 419 Hamburg are filled with 1/1 sash; the windows at 421 Hamburg are filled with new 6/6 sash. 419 Hamburg has a panel door with upper lights; 421 Hamburg has a modern six panel door set beneath a new, three-light transom. The houses have no basements and the entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Sumwalt?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although there seem to have been houses on this site in the 1830's belonging to the Schorr family, the present structures on the site appear to have been built in the 1860's. They are typical of the type of two story, gable-roofed house built in the area in the 1850's and 1860's to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of recently arrived workers (mostly immigrants) seeking jobs in waterfront-related activities. (See under 1028-1038 Patapsco St.). The houses were probably built by George Sumwalt, the husband of Margaret Schorr, one of the daughters of Michael Schorr, who owned this property in the late eighteenth century. (See under 425 E. Hamburg St.)

421 E. Hamburg St. is currently being restored, and 419 E. Hamburg St. has just recently had the formstone removed from its facade.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 87'9" each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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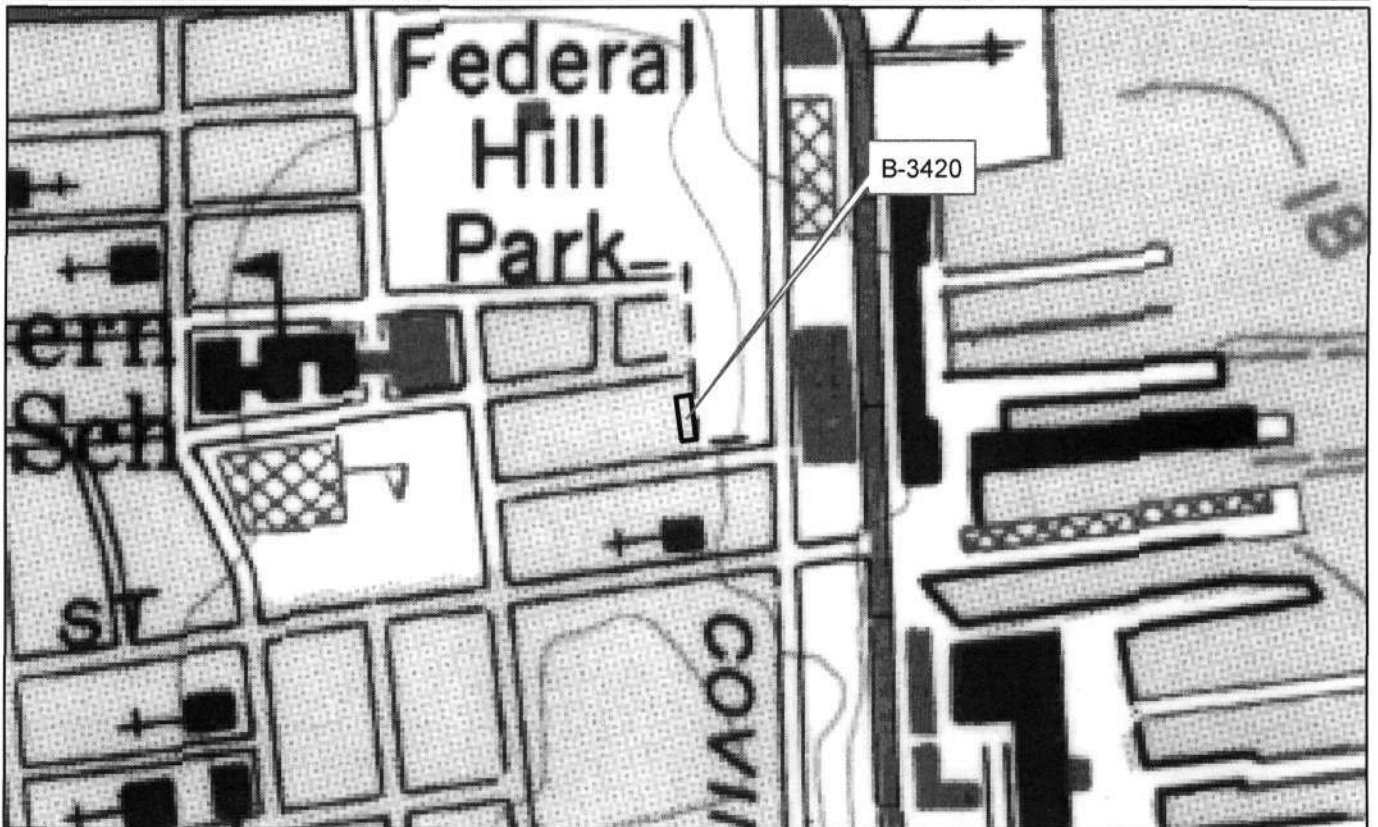
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GRINDALL

501 E. CROSS

AVE.

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419-421 E. Hamburg Street
Block 1915 Lots 075-076
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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419-421 E. Hamburg St.

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North elevation